At the invitation of the USSR Aca demy oi Sciences, an Indian delega tion led by the Secretary, Department of Non-Conventional Energy Sources visited USSR from 8—18 October, 1988 fo$_r$ further discussion on cooperation | in research and development work in the field of MHD systems of power generation and other areas of new and renewable sources of energy. On the conclusion of the visit, a protocol v/as signed for continuing the exi?ting cooperation between the two countries in the field of Magneto Hydro Dyna mics (MHD) and further expancmg the area to applications of MHD for geological prospecting and other ap plications of certain components in Metallurgy. The Protocol also in cludes development of direct coal-field combustors/gasifiers, fluidized-hed gasifiers fo$_r$ gasifying different quality coals and development of pulsed MHD generator and high temperatured air preheteers for application in steel plants for conservation of coking coals. Among the new areas in which the two countries ha$_v$e agreed to ex plore possibilities of cooperation is development of hydrogen as a fuel particularly fo$_r$ transport sector, development of electron beam systems and catalysts for pollution control aiH photovoltaics R&D with particular attention to special semiconducting materials.

Sales turn over of formulations

1347. CHOWDHURY RAM SEWAK-DR. (SHRIMATI) SAROJINI MAHISHI;

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to th$_e$ answer to Unstarred Question 3305 given in the Rajya Sabh$_a$ on 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it i$_s$ a fact that sales turn over is being provided under different forms to be submitted to his Ministry by the drug companies according t$_0$ the provisions of drugs Price Control O-der apart from avail-able in ORG for which h's Ministry is subscribing.

(b) what are the reasons for not providing the sale$_s$ turn over of leading brands of formulations;

(c) what was the sales turn over of Glipizide, Thordazine, Cephaloridine, Durabolin, Flubiprofen, Oxyfedrine Hcl. Sulphamoxple and Decaduraboiin during the last two years, yearwise;

(d) whether the prices of formulations based on these drugs a$_s$ well as formulation$_s$ of major selling brands were fixed under DPCO, 1979; and

(e) if so, what was the price of each and what is the present price?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO). (a) Manufacturers are required to furnish details as per the provisions of Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1987.

(b) and (c) Sales turnover is not monitored.

(d) and (e) Do not arise

Los$_s$ to Government on the supply of two processing platforms

1348. T3HRI LAL K. ADVANI;
SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY: SHRI RAM JETHMALANI:
SARDAR JAGJIT SINGH AURORA;

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS b$_e$ pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has baen drawn to a news-item which appeared in the Time$_s$ of India of 9th October, 1988 stating that a loss of nearly Rs. 20 crores was caused to Government exchequer in 1986 in $_a$ deal with a South Korean firm Hyundai for the supply of two processing platforms to the ONGC;

(b) if $_s$o, whether it is a fact that an offer of 10 per cent discount on $158 million price was not availed and

additional 10 per cent charge was accepted by signing the agreement on November 23 instead of the stipulated date of October 31; and

(c) wha$_t$ are the observations of the Internal .Audit Report in this regard and Government's response thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NAURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) ONGC floated two tenders in October/November, 1985 for the fabri- I cation and installation of the ICP & ICW Process platforms. The offer of M/s. Hyundai Heavy Industries, South Korea, emerged a$_s$ the lowest in both the tenders at US $ 158.51 million. Accordingly ONGC proposed award of contract to this firm. The firm had ^{a}l^{s0} offered a discount of US $ 1.5 million if the contracts for both th$_e$ platforms were awarded to them. Since the total value of these two contracts was more than Rs. 100 crores, the possibility of establishing C3unter-trade arrangements against these two tender$_s$ was considered and the firm asked to give suitable proposals in this regard. HHI did not agree *to* any counter trade proposal against rigina] offer and, while extending the validity of their offer beyond 1-11-86, indicated a price increase of 3 per cent for the ICP platform and 10 per cent for ICW olatform. in addition to withdrawing the US $ 1.5 million discount offered by it. after negotiations between the representatives of Government and HHI, the firm agreed to limit the price escalation of 7 per cent for both the contracts and it also agreed to signing a counter trade agreement. Government clearance to the award of contract to HHi for the$_{se}$ two platforms at a cost of US $ 169.61 million was conveyed to ONGC in December, 1986.

(c) There i$_s$ no internal audit report in this regard.

IDPL and HAL losses

1340. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU; Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be please^ to state:

(a) the year-wise loss incurred during the last three year$_s$ by the Indian Drugs and Pharmaceuticals Limited and the Hindustan Antibiotics Limited; and

(b) the steps being taken to rehabilitate these two public sector drugs companies?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGALRAO): (a) The Net loss (—) Net Profit (-f) incur-rod'earned by Indian Dru.es and Pharmaceuticals Ltd. (IDPL) and Hindustan Antibiotics Ltd. (HAL) during the last three years a/e as under:

(Rs. in Crores)

	1985-86	1986-87	1987-88
IDPL	(—)32.21	(—)50.80	(—)30.22 (provisional)
HAL	(—)8.12	(—)0.81	(+)1.64

(b) The rehabilitation plans of IDPL and HAL include steps such a$_s$ adoption of improved and better technology, increasing capacity utilisation, improving cost effective technology, increasing trade sales, introduction of new formulations, etc.